

# MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

**Location:** CDFA Auditorium  
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## MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 30, 2008

Item  
No.

### (1) **CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

### (2) **ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Helen Lopez, Executive Director.

#### **Present:**

Wayne Bidlack	Drue Brown	Marvin Meyers
Al Montna	Ashley Boren	Dan Dooley
Adan Ortega Jr.	Donald Bransford	Tom Deardorff
William Moncovich	Ann Bacchetti-Silva	Craig McNamara
Dave Wehner		

#### **Absent:**

Karen Ross                      Luawanna Hallstrom

### (3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2007**

**MOTION:** Board Member Craig McNamara moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Tom Deardorff and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

### (4) **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

Secretary Kawamura provided an up-date on this recent Trade Mission to Cuba and the importance of why Agriculture needs an Ag Vision Plan.

### (5) **PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS**

All speakers provided comments on the top Ag policy issues impacting their organizations and made recommendations on how best to solve their concerns.

- Art Bagget, Board Member of the State Water Resources Control Board
- Doug Youngdahl, President and CEO of Blue Diamond
- Don Gordon, President of the Agricultural Council of CA
- Dave Puglia, Sr. Vice President, Western Growers
- William Perry, President and CEO of Girard's Salad Dressing's
- Dave Kranz, Manager of Media, CA Farm Bureau Federation

- Renee Pinel, President and CEO of Western Plant Health Association
- Chris Zanobini, Executive Director, CA Grain & Feed Association
- Ralph Grossi, President, American Farmland Trust

**ACTION:** The following speakers offered their support in the development of the Ag Vision Policy. They are Doug Youngdahl (Blue Diamond) Don Gordon (Ag Council of CA), Dave Kranz (Farm Bureau), and Ralph Grossi (American Farmland Trust).

**ACTION:**

Dan Dooley offered to meet with Al Montna and the Board to coordinate resources and efforts to assist the agriculture industry.

**(6) OTHER**

**Invasive Species Summit**

Secretary Kawamura inquired whether the board could recommend 1 or 2 members to assist with the invasive species symposium.

**Ag Day**

Secretary Kawamura invited the Board to attend Ag Day scheduled for Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol.

**Proclamation for the Network of California Fairs**

A proclamation to the Network of CA fairs in recognition for their support and active involvement in times of crisis and natural disasters was distributed to the board for their review and approval.

**MOTION:** Board Member Wayne Bidlack moved to approve the proclamation. The motion was seconded by Board Member Don Bransford. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

**Equine Resolution**

It was requested the Equine Resolution passed in November 29, 2007 be amended to remove the following “Whereas”:

“Whereas, California’s Equine Farms represent more than \_\_\_\_\_ acres of open space.”

It can not be determined the total acreage of open space represented by the Equine farms.

**MOTION:** Board Member Wayne Bidlack moved to approve the revised resolution. The motion was seconded by Board Member Drue Brown. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

**Climate Change Resolution**

The Climate change resolution was presented to the board for approval. Board member Wayne did not concur with the Second “Whereas” and Board member Ashely Boren recommended the “Whereas” referring to the bees and pollinations be removed from the resolution.

**ACTION:**

It was determined the board needed to review and edit the resolution one more time and present the final draft at the next board meeting. Al Montna requested Tom Deardorff to edit the resolution and provide it to Helen Lopez with in one week.

**Attendance Policy:**

Al Montna expressed his concern on the lack of attendance on the part of some board members. He proposed his attendance policy. After discussion, the board agreed that attendance is important but there should not be strict standards on attendance policy.

**Ag Vision Policy:**

The board and Secretary of agriculture know the importance of developing the Ag Vision Policy for California. Therefore, they recommend they focus the first four meetings on developing the AG Vision Policy. The February Board meeting would focus on developing the framework and setting the stage for the AG Vision Policy. The March, April, and May board meetings would focus on holding listening sessions throughout the state and obtaining the industry's comments and recommendations on the Ag Vision Plan. They also proposed the AG Vision Policy Committee meet the Tuesday before the board meeting. The goal is to have the final draft of the Ag Vision Policy by June or July of 2008.

**ACTION:** Al Montna will propose this schedule to Board member Karen Ross (Chair of the committee) for her approval.

**(7) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Two members from the audience provided comments.

Holly Fraumer read written statement from Jackie Parks-Burris, President of the California State Beekeepers Association.

Lee Ruth provided results of a special study utilizing horse pruning.

**(8) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.